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Education is the passage to progress.

**Education System in India**

**Formal Education**

**Examples of Formal Education**

Learning in a classroom

School grading/certification, college, and university degrees

Planned education of different subjects having a proper syllabus acquired by attending the institution.

**Characteristics of formal education**

Formal education is structured hierarchically.

It is planned and deliberate.

Scheduled fees are paid regularly.

It has a chronological grading system.

It has a syllabus and subject-oriented. The syllabus has to be covered within a specific time period.

The child is taught by the teachers

**Advantages of Formal education**:

An organized educational model and up to date course contents.

Students acquire knowledge from trained and professional teachers.

Structured and systematic learning process.

Intermediate and final assessments are ensured to advance students to the next learning phase.

Institutions are managerially and physically organized.

Leads to a formally recognized certificate.

Easy access to jobs.

**Disadvantages of Formal education**:

Sometimes, brilliant students are bored due to the long wait for the expiry of the academic session to promote to the next stage

Chance of bad habits’ adoption may be alarming due to the presence of both good and bad students in the classroom

Wastage of time as some lazy students may fail to learn properly in spite of motivation by the professional trainers.

Some unprofessional and non-standard education system may cause the wastage of time and money of the students which leads to the disappointment from formal education and argue them to go for non-formal education.

Costly and rigid education as compare to other forms of learning

**Informal Education**

**Examples of Informal Education**

Teaching the child some basics such as numeric characters.

Someone learning his/her mother tongue

A spontaneous type of learning, “if a person standing in a bank learns about opening and maintaining the account at the bank from someone.”

Characteristics of Informal Education

It is independent of boundary walls.

It has no definite syllabus.

It is not pre-planned and has no timetable.

No fees are required as we get informal education through daily experience and by learning new things.

It is a lifelong process in a natural way.

The certificates/degrees are not involved and one has no stress for learning the new things.

You can get from any source such as media, life experiences, friends, family etc.

**Advantages of Informal Education**

More naturally learning process as you can learn at anywhere and at any time from your daily experience.

It involves activities like individual and personal research on a topic of interest for themselves by utilizing books, libraries, social media, internet or getting assistance from informal trainers.

Utilizes a variety of techniques.

No specific time span.

Less costly and time-efficient learning process.

No need to hire experts as most of the professionals may be willing to share their precious knowledge with students/public through social media and the internet.

Learners can be picked up the requisite information from books, TV, radio or conversations with their friends/family members.

**Disadvantages of Informal Education**

Information acquired from the internet, social media, TV, radio or conversations with friends/family members may lead to the disinformation.

Utilized techniques may not be appropriate.

No proper schedule/time span.

Unpredictable results which simply the wastage of time.

Lack of confidence in the learner.

Absence of discipline, attitude and good habits.

Non-Formal Education

Examples of Non-formal Education

Boy Scouts and Girls Guides develop some sports program such as swimming comes under nonformal education.

Fitness programs.

Community-based adult education courses.

Free courses for adult education developed by some organization.

Characteristics of Non-formal Education

The nonformal education is planned and takes place apart from the school system.

The timetable and syllabus can be adjustable.

Unlike theoretical formal education, it is practical and vocational education.

Nonformal education has no age limit.

Fees or certificates may or may not be necessary.

It may be full time or part-time learning and one can earn and learn together.

It involves learning of professional skills.

Advantages of Non-formal Education

Practiced and vocational training.

Naturally growing minds that do not wait for the system to amend.

Literacy with skilfulness growth in which self-learning is appreciated.

Flexibility in age, curriculum and time.

Open-ended educational system in which both the public and private sector are involved in the process.

No need to conduct regular exams.

Diploma, certificates, and award are not essential to be awarded.

Disadvantages of Non-formal Education

Attendance of participants is unsteady.

Sometimes, it’s just wastage of time as there is no need to conduct the exam on regular basis and no degree/diploma is awarded at the end of the training session.

Basic reading and writing skills are crucial to learn.

No professional and trained teachers.

Students may not enjoy full confidence as the regular students enjoy.

Some institutes provide fake certification through online courses just for the sake of earning.